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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ALLEGED OVERFLIGHT PROPOSAL

REF: BERN 565

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO
THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND MAY BE USED BY THE EMBASSY
IF ASKED:

Q: REMARKS HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR DOMINICK,
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO SWITZERLAND THAT THE UNITED
STATES AND SWITZERLAND ARE ABOUT TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS
ABOUT THE TRANSPORT OF MILITARY MATERIEL OVER SWITZERLAND
BY AIR . CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ARE OR
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WILL BE TAKING PLACE?

A: THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT HAD AND HAS NO FUTURE INTENTION OF OVERFLYING SWITZERLAND FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ARMS OR OTHER MILITARY MATERIEL. WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF SWITZERLAND'S NEUTRAL STATUS AND WOULD, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE, WISH TO JEOPARDIZE THAT NEUTRALITY. IN SHORT NO NEGOTIATIONS OF THIS TYPE HAVE TAKEN PLACE

OR WILL TAKE PLACE.

THEN, IF PRESSED:

Q: BUT DID SENATOR DOMINICK IN FACT COMMENT ON THIS MATTER?

A: YOU WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE SENATOR ON THAT POINT. HOWEVER, SENATOR DOMINICK HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY BRIEFED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER INVOLVED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND I WOULD GUESS THAT THIS MAY BE A MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. FYI: NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE RAISED AT TODAY'S NOON PRESS CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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